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From: Arlinda McKeen, SPPG
Re: Best Practices for Iowa's Homelessness System – Monthly Progress Report – January 2015
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The Iowa Council on Homelessness/Iowa Finance Authority entered into a contract with State Public Policy Group, Inc. (SPPG) to provide services to continuing to work with the State Planning Advisory Committee and conduct outreach related to finalization and preparation to implement the standards develop in FY 14. Key activities are to further clarifying and defining the homeless program standards, taking into consideration how each standard applies to various programs and delineating measures for each homeless program standard, considering measures appropriate to each program.

Monthly Report for the Period January 1 - 31, 2015

Activities Underway or Completed

- SPPG continues to meet as an internal team to move the project forward smoothly. We also check in and seek advice from IFA staff and the project co-chairs.
- The January 6, 2015, State Planning Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The reschedule date will be determined based on need and timing for completion of the scope of work.
- SPPG developed a summary of the outreach meetings highlighting common questions and issues as well as addressing approaches and information that users will find helpful for using the standards.
- At the January 16, 2015, Iowa Council on Homelessness held a retreat facilitated by SPPG to gain direction from the Council regarding the finalization of the standards and accompanying supporting materials.
- In an update on statewide participation on the Committee, Sue McGuire of the Center for Siouxland will be participating from that area of the state. As noted last month, Joanie Poore of Council Bluffs has agreed to attend the SPAC meetings. Both are receiving SPAC meeting materials and notes.
- SPPG worked internally to compile suggested measures for standards in advance of the February 3 Committee meeting. That meeting will focus on finalizing measures for all of the standards.
- SPPG has been in touch with Julie Sleeper of HUD regarding a date for the Peer-to-Peer Symposium in the spring. No date has been set, but we accepted an invitation to hold a general session focusing on the standards and handbook for implementation.

Emerging Issues or Concerns

- There are no issues at this time.

Anticipated Needs

- None at this time.

Time Frame

- All activities are proceeding on schedule. The measures development seems to be moving slowing, and we lost a day due to weather that we expect to make up after winter weather threats are gone.